WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A method for manipulating content stored on a disk recorder/playback device using conventional transport commands, comprising the steps of:

detecting which of a prescribed of a prescribed set of content modes currently exists;

determining which of a set of transport commands has been actuated and to what degree;

advancing the content in one of a first and second directions depending on the which of the motion commands has been actuated, while

controlling the motion of the content in accordance with the detected content mode and in accordance with the transport command and the degree to which that command is actuated.

2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the prescribed set of content modes include a STOP content mode and a PLAY content mode.

3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the set of transport commands include a STOP command, a PLAY command, a Fast Forward (FWD) command and a REWIND (REV) command.

4. The method according to claim 2 wherein the set of transport commands include a STOP command, a PLAY command, a Fast Forward (FWD) command and a REWIND (REV) command.

5. The method according to claim 4 wherein the advancing step includes advancing the content in one of a forward direction and reverse directions responsive to momentary actuation of one of the FWD and REV transport commands and wherein the step of controlling the motion of the content includes displacing the content by a frame when the content is in the STOP mode.

6. The method according to claim 4 wherein the advancing step includes advancing the content in one of a forward direction and reverse directions responsive to continued actuation of the FWD and REV transport commands, respectively, and wherein the step of controlling the motion of the content includes shuttling the content when the content is in the STOP mode and ceasing the shuttling of the content upon de-actuation of the respective one of the FWD and REV transport commands.

1   7.   The method according to claim 4 wherein the advancing step includes advancing
2   the content in one of a forward direction and reverse directions responsive to actuation of the
3   FWD and REV transport commands, respectively, and wherein the step of controlling the motion
4   of the content includes shuttling the content when the content is in the PLAY mode and ceasing
5   the shuttling of the content upon actuation of a STOP transport command.
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1   8.   The method according to claim 4 wherein the advancing step includes advancing
2   the content in one of a forward direction and reverse directions responsive to actuation of the
3   FWD and REV transport commands, respectively, and the STOP transport command wherein the
4   step of controlling the motion of the content includes navigating to one of a successive or
5   preceding segment of the content when the content is in the PLAY LIST mode.
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1   9   The method according to claim 4 wherein the advancing step includes advancing
2   the content in one of a forward direction and reverse directions responsive to actuation of the
3   FWD and REV transport commands, respectively, and the STOP transport command wherein the
4   step of controlling the motion of the content includes navigating to one of a successive or
5   preceding segment of the content when the content is in the PLAY LIST mode.
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1   10.   The method according to claim 4 wherein the advancing step includes advancing
2   the content to a particular segment responsive to selection of that content segment wherein the
3   step of controlling the motion of the content includes cueing the content to one of a successive or
4   preceding segment of the content when the content is in the PLAY LIST mode.
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        11.   The method according to claim 4 wherein the advancing step includes advancing
    the content to a particular segment responsive to selection of that content segment wherein the
    step of controlling the motion of the content includes playing the content segment responsive to a
    PLAY transport mode command when the content is in the PLAY LIST mode